

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 7, 1957


MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Director
Central Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: Disarmament - General Exchange of "Blueprints"

1. During the SARATOGA trip, the President had an opportunity to read and consider your memorandum of May 30/57 to the Acting Secretary of State, entitled "Disarmament Proposals: Intelligence Advantage of a General Exchange of 'Blueprints'."

2. While he expressed sympathy with your point of view that any intelligence we can get from the Russians may be a real gain to our interest, he said it was necessary always to keep in mind that, if we appear to concede as valid any "blueprint data" which the Russians give us without satisfactory provision for its inspection for accuracy, we thereby tend to prejudice the whole basis for a valid disarmament agreement. That is, if we "accept" from the Russians an unverifiable "blueprint" as one step in a disarmament agreement, we make it difficult, if not impossible, to resist later agreeing to the taking of subsequent steps (such as, suspension of testing, reduction of armaments, transfers of fissionable material to non-weapons purposes, etc.) without provision for adequate safeguards.

3. Accordingly, the President was not disposed to act favorably on the request for reconsideration contained in your above-mentioned memorandum. //


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President for National
Security Affairs